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PRODUCTION IN DEFENCE ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production in ordnance factories as against their installed capacity during the last three years;

(b) whether the production is falling short of their installed capacity;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fully utilize installed capacity of these ordnance factories?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The value of total production in the Ordnance Factories during the last three years was Rs. 7,908.69 crores, Rs. 8,259.68 crores, and Rs. 8,331.75 crores respectively, and the machine utilization in the corresponding years was 74.36%, 75.59% and 74.28%.

(b) to (d): Production capacity in Ordnance Factories is created based on war time requirement projected by the Defence Forces, whereas actual production is as per their annual requirements which depends on available stocks, training needs and threat perception. Hence, capacity utilization in Ordnance Factories is lower than installed capacity. However, order placement is pursued regularly and constant endeavours made to maximize exploitation of installed plant capacities by increasing efficiency.